MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): May I know how many men were entertained after 1098 in the Medical Department as Sub-Assistant Surgeons?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Civil List will give the answer.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): With regard to part (4) of the question, may I know why so many men were retained in their places? The Government say that there is no special reason. We find very often men are transferred ten or twelve times a year.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): There may be special reasons for the transfers.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): What is the special reason for retaining these men?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): There is no special reason.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Is there no explanation for retaining them in particular places?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No explanation is needed.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Is there any rule that officers should not be retained in certain places for more than three years?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): There is no such rule.

Resolution re Appointment of President, Municipal Council, Trivandrum.

228 MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any resolution passed in the Municipal Council, Trivandrum, to the effect that the Municipal Council should be given a voice in the election of the President from a list of eligible candidates has been forwarded to the Government;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether they have taken or propose to take any action in the matter;

(*c*) whether the Municipal Council has protested against ignoring the above resolution when Mr. Ramachandra Rao was appointed President of the Trivandrum Municipality; and

(*d*) whether they have taken or propose to take any action on the protest so recorded by the Municipal Council against the action of the Government?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) The Council resolved on 14-4-1102 to place on record, on principle, their sense of regret at the attitude of the Government in ignoring the repeated resolutions of the Council relating to the appointment of its President.

(*d*) No action was called for.

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MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): With regard to part (*b*), may I know why the Government think that no action was necessary on this resolution?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): In the nature of the resolution no action was necessary.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Was the resolution unreasonable?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The fact that action was not necessary does not show that there is no reason in the resolution.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know if the Government think that when a resolution is passed by the Municipal Council, the Government are not required to take any action on that?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): No action was taken because no specific action was wanted by the Council itself. If any action was needed, it would have been taken.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know whether the resolution passed by the Municipal Council was reasonable or unreasonable?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): It is a matter of opinion.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know whether the member has read through the resolution?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Yes, I have read it. According to the opinion of Government the resolution did not require any order to be passed on it.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know if the Government think the resolution to be reasonable or unreasonable?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): It is a matter of opinion. Under the rules for asking interpellations, no question on a matter of opinion could be asked.

MR. K P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know why the Government thought that action was not needed?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Because no action was called for by the resolution itself.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): With regard to part (*c*), when the Municipal Council passes a resolution to protest against any particular appointment, is not the Government bound to take action on the resolution?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): There is no protest. The Council resolved to place on record their sense of regret. The regret is on record. No further action was necessary.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Was that the resolution passed by the Municipal Council?

MR T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): How many resolutions on the subject were passed by the Municipal Council?

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MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The Municipal Council will have to be asked for the information. All the resolutions might not have come up to the Government.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know whether repeated resolutions were not passed by the Municipality?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Government know that more than one resolution was passed.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Is it justifiable on the part of the Government to override those resolutions?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): They were considered and whereever action was necessary it was taken.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Have the resolutions no value?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): They have every value.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Are the Government ignoring the resolutions?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): No. The latest resolution is referred to in the answer. On that resolution, no action was necessary. So no action was taken.

The Ayirur Dam.

229. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there was a dam on the Ayirur river, near the Ayirur temple, Chirayinkil taluk;

(*b*) whether this dam has been washed away by the river, and, if so, when;

(*c*) whether it has been brought to the notice of the Government by means of petitions as well as deputations that the farmers of nearly 1,000 *paras* of paddy fields in Ayirur are put to much difficulty and hardship on account of this dam having been washed away by the river; and

(*d*) if the answer to part (*c*) is in the affirmative, whether they have taken or propose to take immediately any action on the matter?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes; the date is not known.

(*c*) Petitions and representations have been received on the subject.

(*d*) An estimate for the restoration of the dam is under preparation.

Ayurveda Vaidyasalas.

230. **MR. G. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara*): (1) Will the Government be pleased to furnish a statement showing the number of

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